

(8) The name of the person from whom the beer was received;

(9) A statement that the tax has been fully paid or determined; and

(10) A reference to the notice (if required) filed under §§ 25.213 or 25.222.

(b) *Beer lost, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable.* Claims for refund of tax on beer lost, whether by theft or otherwise, or destroyed or otherwise rendered unmerchantable by fire, casualty, or act of God shall contain:

(1) Information required by paragraphs (a)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of this section;

(2) A statement of the circumstances surrounding the loss;

(3) When applicable, the reason the beer rendered unmerchantable cannot be returned to the market for consumption or sale;

(4) Date of the loss, and if lost in transit, the name of the carrier;

(5) A reference incorporating the notice required by § 25.282; and

(6) When possible, affidavits of persons having knowledge of the loss, unless the affidavits are contained in the notice given under § 25.282.

(c) *Voluntary destruction of taxpaid beer which was never removed from brewery premises.* Claims for refund or credit of tax on beer voluntarily destroyed under the provisions of § 25.225, shall include:

(1) Information required by paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(5), and (a)(9) of this section; and

(2) The information contained in the record required by § 25.225(b).

(d) *Additional evidence.* The regional director (compliance) may require the submission of additional evidence in support of any claim filed under this section.

(e) *Filing of claim.* Claim for refund of tax shall be filed on Form 2635 (5620.8) with the regional director (compliance) of the region in which the beer was lost, returned, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable. Claims shall be filed within 6 months after the date of the return, loss, destruction, or rendering unmerchantable. Claims will not be allowed if filed after the prescribed time or if the claimant was indemnified by

insurance or otherwise in respect of the tax.

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§ 25.284 Adjustment of tax.

(a) *Adjustment of tax in lieu of refund.* In lieu of filing a claim for refund of tax as provided in § 25.283, a brewer may make an adjustment (without interest) to the excise tax return, Form 5000.24, for the amount of tax paid on beer returned to the brewery, voluntarily destroyed, lost, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable.

(b) *Beer returned to brewery other than from which removed.* An adjustment may be made on the excise tax return for the amount of tax paid on beer returned to the brewery under § 25.213. The adjustment will be made on the tax return filed for the brewery to which the beer was returned. The adjustment may not be made prior to the return of beer to the brewery. If the brewer is required to file a notice under § 25.213, the adjustment may not be made until the regional director (compliance) authorizes disposition of the beer.

(c) *Beer voluntarily destroyed.* An adjustment may be made on the excise tax return for the amount of tax paid on beer voluntarily destroyed under subpart N of this part. The adjustment will be made on the tax return filed for the brewery from which the beer was removed. The adjustment may not be made prior to the destruction of the beer.

(d) *Beer lost, destroyed or rendered unmerchantable.* An adjustment may be made on the excise tax return for the amount of tax paid on beer lost, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable under § 25.282. The adjustment will be made on the tax return filed for the brewery from which the beer was removed. A brewer may not make an adjustment prior to notification of the regional director (compliance) required under § 25.282(e). When beer appears to have been lost due to theft, the brewer may not make an adjustment to the tax return until establishing to the

satisfaction of the regional director (compliance) that the theft occurred before removal from the brewery and occurred without connivance, collusion, fraud, or negligence on the part of the brewer, consignor, consignee, bailee, or carrier, or the employees or agents of any of them.

(e) *Condition of adjustments.* (1) All adjustments will be made within 6 months of the return, destruction, loss, or rendering unmerchantable of the beer.

(2) Adjustment of the tax paid will be made without interest.

(3) An adjustment may not be taken if the brewer was indemnified by insurance or otherwise in respect of the tax.

(f) *Records.* When brewers make adjustments on the excise tax return in lieu of filing a claim, they shall keep the following records;

(1) For beer returned to the brewery or voluntarily destroyed, the records required by §§ 25.283(a)(1), (2), (4), (5), (7), (8), and (10).

(2) For beer lost, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable, the records required by § 25.283 (a)(1), (2), (5), (b) (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1335, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5056))

§ 25.285 Refund of beer tax excessively paid.

(a) *Eligibility.* A brewer who, under the provisions of § 25.152, is eligible to pay the reduced rate of tax on beer prescribed by 26 U.S.C. 5051 (a)(2), but who did not pay tax at the reduced rate by return, Form 5000.24, during the calendar year for which the brewer was eligible, may file a claim for refund of tax excessively paid on beer for that year. The brewer shall file the claim for refund to tax on Form 2635 (5620.8) with the regional director (compliance) in the region in which the brewer's principal place of business is located, within the period of limitation prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 6511(a). For rules relating to the period of limitation on filing claims, see §§ 70.82 and 70.83.

(b) *Calculation of refund.* The brewer shall file the claim based on the quantity of beer eligible to be taxpaid at the lower rate of tax, but which was paid at the higher rate of tax, subject to a maximum of 60,000 barrels of beer per

calendar year or the limitation as determined in § 25.152(d). The brewer shall exclude from the claim the quantity of beer removed that calendar year on which a credit or refund at the higher rate of tax has been taken.

(c) *Information to be furnished.* Each claim for refund of tax filed under this section shall include the following information:

(1) Name and address of the brewer.

(2) Quantity of beer covered by the claim as determined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(3) Amount of tax paid in excess.

(4) A statement of the exact number of barrels of beer which the brewer produced during the calendar year.

(5) A statement that the brewer is not a member of a controlled group of brewers (as defined in § 25.152(b)(1) or, if the brewer is a member of a controlled group of brewers, a list of the names and addresses of all the members of the controlled group of brewers and a statement of the combined number of barrels of beer produced by all members of the controlled group in the calendar year.

(6) If the brewer is a member of a controlled group of brewers, a statement of how the 60,000 barrel limitation for the reduced rate of tax is to be apportioned among the members of the controlled group of brewers.

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§ 25.286 Claims for remission of tax on beer lost in transit between breweries.

(a) *Filing of claim.* Claims for remission of tax on beer lost in transit between breweries of the same ownership shall be prepared on Form 2635 (ATF F 5620.8) by the brewer or the brewer's authorized agent and submitted with the Form 5130.9 of the receiving brewery for the reporting period in which the shipment is received. When the loss is by casualty, the claim will be submitted with the Form 5130.9 for the reporting period in which the loss is discovered. When, for valid reason, the required claim cannot be submitted with